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### CASA Report

**Last Name of Case** Singleton **Case Number** 17393975  
**Type of Hearing:** Review **CASA:** Dawn Scott  
**Date of Hearing:** 02/22/2016

Child(ren)	Age	DOB	Sex	Ethnicity
Singleton,Haley	15 yrs, 0 mos	02/15/2001	F	White

#### Nature of Allegations

Physical Abuse

#### Executive Summary:

As Jennifer Singleton remains reluctant to provide information about Haley's medical issues or previous court involvement, doesn't feel counseling is necessary, has made her home "off Limits" to CASA and others attempting to work with her, hasn't been very active in visitation with Haley, and because Haley herself adamantly states that she does not want to go back to Jennifer Singleton's home, Haley should remain at Cherokee Estates.

Supervised visitation should be provided for both parents and Haley's brothers if they desire it. The court should consider the option of placing Haley in custody with her father Walter Singleton. If the option is explored, the court should consider including Julie Liss, Walter Singleton's fiancé, to be included in the court approved visitations.

Pending permanent placement, the court should authorize phone calls and written correspondence with Walter Singleton because his current residence and employment is in Florida making personal contact difficult and he currently visits Haley once a month.

Petition Date	Removal Date	Attorney Appointed
09/04/2015	09/04/2015	Silvey

### Research Information

Persons interviewed: (includes parents, children, social workers, relatives, doctors and others with information.)

Name	Relationship to child	Interview Dates
Singleton,Haley	Child	11/17/15, 11/23/15, 12/21/15, 12/31/15, 1/22/16, 2/2/16, 2/18/16
Singleton,Jennifer	adoptive Mother	11/23/15, 1/4/16, phone: 11/13/15, 11/20/15, 1/5/16, 1/13/16, 2/4/16
Jones,Julia	Case Manager	11/6/15, 11/20/15, 1/4/16,
Sluder,Haley	Case Manager	11/16/15, 12/21/15, 1/22/16, 2/2/16
Singleton,Walter	adoptive father	1/30/16
Liss,Julie	friend of father	1/30/16
whitfield,Amanda	DFCS caseworker	2/2/16

### Records/Reports Reviewed:

reviewed DFCS file, Family Menders emails and reports

### Review Date(s)

11/6/15, 11/20/15, 1/24/16, 2/11/16, 2/16/16

### Background Information

Family's history of child abuse, mental illness or child abuse (based on CASA volunteer's research)

Jennifer Singleton alleges that Haley has a history of mental illness, however she has not produced any documentation for us to review. Haley did tell me voluntarily that while living in Florida she overdosed once on her mothers medication, ran away once, and that she tried cutting herself, but she states she has not done any of that behavior since moving to Georgia. She stated that she did these things because she was so unhappy, that she hated being homeschooled, was lonely, and she was so unhappy about her parents separation.

### Visitation

Adjustment to Current Placement Haley is doing well, she feels safe and happy in present environment

Are visits between child & mother supervised? Yes Child & father? Yes

Child's degree of participation during visits I did not observe visits with parents, but I did visit Haley after each one to hear her comments

### Visitation Comments

Haley describes her visits with Jennifer as stressful, she states that her mom only talks about fun things she is missing with her brothers and says negative things about her father. Haley stated that after her visit in January with mom, that Jennifer told her that it was up to Haley if she wanted to see her or not and cut the visit short. Haley has not seen her mother since that visit.

Haley has now had 2 visits with her father Walter in January and February. I visited Haley after each of these visits, she was very happy, stated she loved seeing her dad that she missed him terribly, she also stated that her dad missed her and they enjoyed being together, Haley says she wants to move back to florida to live with her dad. She showed me pictures that Walter brought for her of fun family times with

him and her brothers. Haley becomes very animated when talking about her father. She says she wishes they could see each other more often but she knows he works and does military on weekends. Haley stated that she was always bonded more with her father and now that he is back in her life, things are getting much better.

Possible Relative or Fictive-Kin Placements			
Name	Relationship	Willing Placement?	Home Evaluation Complete?
Cheryl Gill	Grandparent	No	No
Amanda Pobiegll	Aunt/Uncle	No	No
Jeff Pobiegll	Aunt/Uncle	No	No

Other Children in the Family	
Name	Age
Seth Singleton	13
Aiden Singleton	13

#### Were attempts made to keep siblings together?

Explain

only Haley removed from home at present time

#### Education

Current Grade Level 8th

Appropriate for Age?

Yes

Satisfactory Grades?

Yes

Attendance History excellent

Behavioral History excellent

Number of Schools Attended 2

Additional Caseworker at Cherokee Estates says Haley loves school, her grades are all A's and B's, she participates in Band and sports.

Comments Haley says she loves going to school, she did not like home schooling, states that she likes being around other kids but has some trouble making friends because she is shy

#### Parental Information

Current housing (location) of parent(s) mom:12 Dogwood Dr, Fort Oglethorpe GA

Condition attempts were made to visit: 11/20/15 and 1/5/16 appointments were made, then canceled day of appointment by Jennifer Singleton, I drove to the residence for an unscheduled visit 1/27/16 there was no answer at the door, 2/4/16 talked to Jennifer Singleton by phone, she stated that she did not want me coming to her home or talking to her sons because "they have been through enough trauma"

Current job status of parent(s) Home Depot-Gunnbarrel rd

Time employed varies

Compliance with Court Order and/or Caseplan Jennifer Singleton stated to me that counseling was offered to her but that she has been through it already and doesn't need it

#### Child(ren)'s needs, wishes and observations And Court Attention

Wishes of the child (including custody placement)

Haley states that she wants to move back to florida and live with her father but if that is not possible, she wants to stay at Cherokee Estates

### Specific issues/concerns for the Court's attention

2/4/16, I talked by phone, with Jennifer Singleton for 27 1/2 minutes, about her last visit with Haley. Jennifer stated that Haley told her that if Haley is sent home she is "going to beat the crap out of all of them", she states Haley is borderline personality and that she beats up on me and her brothers, she also stated that she was afraid that if she gives up her rights on Haley, that her boys will be taken away. Jennifer states that she "never kept her kids away from their father", if they want to see him it is OK with her, she also said that after Walter left, "Haley took over his role as the abuser", she informed me at this time that she had been offered family counseling but has been through it before and "I told Julia I don't need it", Jennifer also told me at this time that I could not visit her or Haley's brothers at their home because they have already been through enough trauma.

### CASA Volunteer Recommendations

Long-term permanency (goal) for child(ren)

placed with a parent or person/facility that she already has a relationship with

Current Placement Recommendations

Haley should remain at Cherokee Estates. She is presently in a stable educational environment. Regardless of placement options, she should be allowed to complete this school year at her present school.

Visitation between child(ren) and parent(s) and child(ren) and sibling(s)

Continued supervised visitation between Jennifer Singleton and Haley if they desire, Supervised visitation between Haley and her brothers offered, and continue supervised visitation with Walter Singleton and Haley. I also recommend due to the distance involved, that Haley be allowed both mail and phone calls from her father Walter Singleton

Treatment services for parent(s), sibling(s), caretaker(s), etc.

Encourage family counseling involving Jennifer Singleton and son's Seth and Aiden. On 2/3/16 I asked Jennifer if the boys wanted to see Haley, she stated that her son Seth wants to see Haley so that "he can tell her off".

Other recommendations that are in the best interests of the child

At some future time, Walter Singleton's fiancé, Julie Liss, should be included in supervised visitation with Walter if he is going to continue to be active in her life

Next court date/time frame based on child's best interest and/or statutory requirements

1 month

Dawn R. Scott 2/22/16

CASA Volunteer Signature/Date

Annice Goodwin 2/22/16

CASA Program Staff Signature/Date

The CASA volunteer has been appointed by the juvenile court judge pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 15-11-104(d) and 15-11-106(a)(2). This report is submitted according to the duties of the appointed GAL as described by O.C.G.A. § 15-11-105(c)(15). The CASA volunteer reserves the right to amend this report based on additional information obtained in the court hearing.

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